Margaret Wentworth Owings
Big Sur
California

1963

December 8th.

Dear Jean:

Maud has just told me your distressing news! That your Jim should have this operation — is disturbing indeed. I pray for his recovery and am glad the medical world has many many times been successful in the complete eradication of this miserable human affliction. And as for you, dear Jean (as my father used to say to me) "Keep your tail straight up." love — Margaret

WILD BIRD
BIG SUR

May 8th 1967

Dear Jean:

Nat and I were terribly sorry - terribly sorry that we were away at the opening of your Gallery. (We went to Washington for one of Lady Bird's beautification events).

It is so right that you should be commencing a Gallery of taste and sensitivity - of meaning and depth of meaning, as I know this will become. It is right because it is as if it were written long ago - that this should be.

As I sit here, thinking about you - I flash back first to Alcalde, New Mexico where Florence Bartlett wanted to have "Jean Kellogg" come for a visit when we were there. This was my introduction to you. Then - came the Carmel Highlands with you and your Mother, our next-door neighbors - your intimate and beautiful point of land beside our throne-like setting of stone and cold majesty. And then the wheel turned and the people turned with it - Mac went his way - and your Mother's life came to a close - and you married and I remarried...and the wheel, which had made its circuit, commenced a new circuit. But always, I felt that we had something in common - a creative drive and a defensive stance for conservation.... plus many delicate sensitivities toward life itself.

And now you are opening a Gallery - which I know will be unique - unique because it will be so true. And by "true" I return to the word I commenced with - depth - depth below the surface - meaning and honesty.

Thank you for all these things you stand for, and may I wish you pleasure as well as sound return from this Gallery that bears your name.

Devotedly,

Margaret O.

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Very dear Jean:

I am deeply moved by your immediate, generous offer of the dry-point "PUMA"! Nothing, of course could be more appropriate for the occasion than this. And it is so beautiful and filled with great strength and vitality! A super contribution! It will help us to push our Lion Bill (S.B. 76) through the committees. And please thank Jim for his animal books.

warmest wishes - Margaret

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The Governor signed
The Lion Bill July 23rd
Final Success!
Thanks for your fine
backing.

Margaret O.

MR. MRS. James Dickie
Rt. 1 – Box 101
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". . . may I speak of those moments after sunrise,
when the mist is rising from the sea — and the fog
is fingering the canyons of the Big Sur . . .
Each day lies before us — guarding our lasting plans
for continuity."

Margaret
(Excerpt from National Audubon
Award dinner address
- November 1983)

". . . and I ask, what are the economics of wonder and of
harmonious living? Is there a value placed on preserving
and strengthening man's sense of awe and his discovery
of his right place in the universe?"

Nathaniel
(Excerpt from Gold Medal
acceptance speech, A.I.A.
- May 1983)

Wild Bird,
Big Sur, CA 93920

May 1984 bring you both joy & satisfaction!
Nat & Margaret

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Nathaniel Alexander Owings

1903 — 1984

The Peregrine, Big Sur N.J.S.

"I look at the great sweep
of earth and sea and mountain that is Big Sur — and I ask,
what are the economics of wonder and of harmonious living?
Is there a value placed on preserving and strengthening man's
sense of awe and the discovery of his right place in the universe?
There is something beyond the boundaries of the limited human
intellect to lead us toward truly creative energy — with new ideals
and new goals to attain."
—N.A.O.

A word to express our deep appreciation
for your thoughtful note at this time.

Margaret

your beautiful letter, dear Jean singled out the qualities that were Nat's, and I thank you.

I cannot as yet, grasp the fact that Nat's absence is permanent. (I learn it anew again each morning.)

Nat's favorite bird, the Peregrine falcon darted down on the spot on our far-point where we placed Nat's ashes. It would have pleased Nat immensly — And as for myself, despite my sorrow, I felt a sense of peace and completeness.

To you and James my love —

— Margaret

copy

428 Monroe Street, #2
Monterey, CA 93940

February 17, 1985

Dear Margaret,

It was good to hear your voice the other day. Jim and I were distressed to learn that you had fallen and suffered a heart attack(or more) but are cheered by the news that you are now much improved. We can imagine the months of stress and many burdens that must have preceeded this, and urge you to take it as "easy" as you can.

Of course there are always the animals! Under separate cover I am sending you a small contribution for the auction. Not a 'trip to Hawaii' but a drypoint of a cougar that might just catch the eye of some devotee of the cause. Years ago, Edward Weston gave me two house cat kittens. One died, and the other survived in the family for twenty-one years. I became fond of cats, and read my father's books on the tribe. Then in Washington, I studied Putnam's bronzes in the Corcoran. I made a few studies and sold some of them. So I hope this will suit. Drypoints are more expensive than etchings (in limited edition). I sold the only other print of this some time ago. To help out the auctioneer I enclosed my credentials. I wish that I could do more.

It is such a lovely day and must be the same down your way.

Jim joins in warmest wishes. May we meet soon.

As always, affectionately,

P.S. Father Bill (William J. Monihan, S.J.) in his capacity as Director of Library Relations and head of the Gleeson Rare Book Library at the University of San Francisco, has an excellent appraiser up there. He put on an honorary occasion for Warren Howell not long before the latter died. They were great friends.

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San Francisco, CA 94123

The Wildlife Conservancy
Box 608 1182 B Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Jean - You will note your PUMA noted in "additions to the program — So many thanks for this contribution Margaret

May 21, 1985

Ms. Margaret Owings
Big Sur, CA 93920

Dear Margaret,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of the book, California for the Friends of the River Foundation/Wildlife Conservancy auction. Your gift was one of the highlights of a very successful evening in which we raised nearly $40,000. Over 250 people attended and we were very pleased to showcase your gift.

We would also like to thank you for the time and effort you spent in bringing in other gifts to the auction. The Puma was magnificent and of course very appropriate for the evening. The Big Sur dinners were also a hit.

The evening was spectacular and even a bigger success than we anticipated. Thank you once again for your support. It helped make our auction a great success.

Sincerely,

Tom Huntington
Tom Huntington
Executive Director
Friends of the River Foundation

Sharon
Sharon Negri
Executive Director
Wildlife Conservancy

My contribution of the Jane Austin Book seemed to slip by their comprehension — in that they apparently had never heard of Jane Austin and simply listed her as "The donor"

ADDITIONS TO THE PROGRAM

Live Auction

#104 Tahoe Ski Weekend: (To Be Auctioned After #85)

Spend a Winter weekend at the Tahoe Keyes condominiums on the South side of Lake Tahoe and take advantage of 5 ski lift tickets to Squaw Valley. The condominium has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths (one waterbed!). Also, a hot tub and indoor swimming pool are available. Good January-May 1985 or 1986.

Donors: Kenneth & Irene Larkins Value: $300
Norcal Tickets, S.F.

Late Additions To Packages

#50 Enjoy a bottle of Mirasou with some Golden Caviar from the whitefish of the Great Lakes. 14 oz. of American Golden Caviar, Tsar Nicoulai.

Donor: California Sunshine Foods, S.F. Value: $25

#86 Addition to Holiday in Puerta Vallarta: Round-trip airfare for two.

Donors: Ann & Gordon Getty Value: $620

#103 Birthday Surprise

Add to the party with a $100 gift certificate from Sheridan-Flynn Infant Clothier.

Donor: Sheridan Flynn Infant Clothier, S.F. Value: $100

Additions to Silent Auction

#105 Hand-Painted Cache Pot

Beautiful and delicately decorated cache pot from Sue Fisher King Gifts & Linen.

Donor: Sue Fisher King Gifts & Linnens Value: $60

#106 The Spa Hotel in Palm Springs

Two nights for 2 people in luxurious hotel in downtown Palm Springs. The only hotel with its own mineral hot springs.

Donor: Mr. Bert Spivack Value: $200

#107 Nights in Napa

3 separate one-night stays (double occupancy) in the luxurious, very private Oak Knoll Inn -- in the middle of a vineyard. Large brass beds and decks overlooking the vineyards. Quiet evenings by marble fireplaces.

Donor: Oak Knoll Inn, Napa Value: $100 ea.

#108 Tickets to a Giants Game

Visit Candlestick! 2 box seat certificates for 2 box seat tickets to a Giants Game.

Donor: S.F. Giants Value: $25

#109 Dry Point of a "Puma" by Jean Kellogg

A lovely print of the elegant Puma by artist, Jean Kellogg. Dry Point, artist's proof on antique Dutch Van Gelderzonen paper. Miss Kellogg studied at Yale University School of Fine Arts under Professor Deane Keller. Her works are in the permanent collections of S.F. Museum of Art, Phillips Memorial Collection in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Miss Kellogg was a friend of John Muir.

Donor: Jean Kellog Value: $100

#110 Golden Caviar

14 oz. of the Great Lake's best: American Golden Caviar Tsar Nicoulai (whitefish). Taste it and find our for yourself (at silent auction table.)

Donor: California Sunshine Foods, S.F. Value $25.

#111 Photograph: "Blue Heron In Flight"

Color photo by professional photographer and conservationist, Paul Ratcliff. The photo of the lovely and rare bird is taken in the gorge of the South Fork American River. Framed.

Donor: Paul Ratcliff Value $85

Sierra Shutterbug Photography, Coloma

#112 Newlan Vineyard Wines

2 cases of vintage assorted wines from Napa Valley. 2 separate bids.

Donor: Newlan Vineyards & Winery Value: $121 ea.

#113 L.A. Times Cartoonist Paul Conrad

3 signed, original cartoons by the political wit of the L.A. Times: Paul Conrad.

Donor: Paul Conrad Value: $150

#114 Napa Valley Railway Inn

5 separate one-night stays (double occupancy) in an unusual setting: turn of the century railway cars overlooking expansive vineyards. 3 cabooses and 6 rail cars restored to their original glory. Each expansive suite features a bedroom area with brass bed, sitting room, bath and skylights. Near to Vintage 1870 Shopping Area.

Donor: Napa Vally Railway Inn Value: $100 ea.

#115 Tour of Marineland

Passes for 4 to an animal park located on the coast in Palos Verdes. You and your friends will have a behind-the-scenes tour from one of the Dolphin specialists who will show you how the animals are trained.

Donor: Marineland and Value: $70
Dolphin Specialists Tim Desmond, Gail Lolly

#116 Backpacking Tent

Sierra West Sky Lite II Tent. Fits 2 people and weighs 4 lbs. 6oz.

Donor: Dealin'Downs Value: $220

WILD BIRD
BIG SUR
CA 93920

May 15,1987

Very dear Jean:

I have just read about James' death and my heart goes out to you. But how wonderful that you two could be together so long sharing interests in common in the arts -and many other things of thought and expression.

James was just about Nat's age when Nat died almost two years ago. And your marriage after your mother's death stretched just a little longer than Nat and myself. It's hard for you, and I know it more than I can say. A hollow spot is left that can hardly be clearly defined.

Please accept my love and understanding - as well as old memories of times past when we lived next to one another and the sounds of the waves breaking over <u>that</u> rock were an accent that gave quite a spice to life.

Margaret

Season's Greetings

to Jean—
a
Continued
thought
from
Raymond
(over)→

To dear Margaret,

A happy Christmas
and Best wishes for the year to come

from her old friend,

Jean Kellogg Dickie

and Jean, my great-great
grandfather shot (ugh!) one of
these in Maine + had it stuffed.
(It's still in the family) — Margaret

P.S. Walking to school through
Kansas fields, my father
spotted this owl on one of its
migrations southward! (1884)

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SNOWY OWL
(Nyctea scandiaca)

Painting by Joe Garcia

One of the most strikingly beautiful species in the entire world, this stunning bird of prey is the largest in North America. Brilliant, golden eyes, wingspread of nearly 5′, and a frosty white body flecked with slate gray, make the "snowy" a truly awe inspiring sight. Unlike most of its relatives, this owl is a day-hunter, searching the sunlit tundra for rabbits, small rodents, and its favorite prey—lemmings. As cyclic declines in lemming populations occur, the owls migrate as far south as the mid-United States to find food. Otherwise, they thrive year-round in their near Arctic range. Both male and female remain unusually silent—uttering only a few hoarse croaks and shrill whistles during the breeding season. Newly hatched young are clad in white downy suits until their glorious adult plumage emerges, usually within 7 weeks.

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February 20, 1954

Entry of Park Superintendent Jim Whitehead in the Point Lobos Log

"Eureka! and Huzzah! This is a great and momentous day in the modern history of Point Lobos Reserve. While on patrol to Gibson Beach I saw Sea Otter playing off Mrs Kellogg's property (south end of Gibson Beach) at approximately 3:30 P.M." There were at least one, maybe two coming into the Reserve itself.

"A thrilling event to me, and with great possibilities for the Reserve. For with the animals that close and the food supply available here, we could within a reasonable amount of time, have a flourishing colony here in the Reserve."

ered Marine Mammals

Lambertson
ce, United States Fish & Wildlife Service

designated as the Southern Sea Otter Coordinator.

The Service is continuing to monitor the status of the polar bear and walrus and allocate funds and conduct research and management activities on these species. It is hoped that these efforts will negate the need for these animals to be placed on the list of Endangered and Threatened species. As is the case with many marine species, international efforts and cooperation must also be secured to improve their status.

It is my intention that we will be well on our way toward recovery of the southern sea otter by the end of 1981, with the implementation of a recovery plan designed to return this unique marine species to its former position in the marine ecosystem.

Mr. Lambertson oversees the administration of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, under which the Fish & Wildlife Service is responsible for listing, recovery planning, protection of critical habitat, enforcement, land acquisition for listed species, cooperative agreements with the States, and consultation with other Federal agencies on projects that could affect protected species. He also directs the United States' implementation of a 54-nation treaty, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and oversees the issuance of permits for activities with species listed under both the Act and CITES. Additionally, he administers the $110 million Federal aid program for State fish and wildlife restoration and enhancement activities.

SOUTHERN SEA OTTER RECOVERY PLAN

As the otter is safeguarded by the Marine Mammal Protection Act as well as the Endangered

Hans Halberstadt

MARGARET OWINGS
1980 Joseph Wood Krutch Medalist

The Humane Society of the United States has bestowed its 1980 Joseph Wood Krutch Medal on Margaret Wentworth Owings, President and Founder of *Friends of the Sea Otter,* for her "significant contribution towards the improvement of life and environment." Margaret accepted the award, "...not just for myself alone. I represent many people – people who carry an inner sense of personal responsibility — trying to weave a life line, a sustaining pattern for survival for our remaining wildlife."

Long active on behalf of wildlife, in 1964 Margaret won the Audubon citation for her work to remove the bounty on California mountain lions; and her continuing efforts have been successful in maintaining a moratorium on hunting these majestic creatures for over 13 years. A former California State Parks Commissioner, founder of the Rachel Carson Council, trustee of the Environmental Defense Fund and Defenders of Wildlife, Margaret is also a Fellow of the California Academy of Sciences, which presented her with its 1979 Conservation Award.

In the words of Russell E. Train, President of the World Wildlife Fund, "Margaret Owings has combined in her work the essential base of scientific knowledge with effective organization and political persuasion. Above all, she has brought to all of these endeavors a degree of commitment and of personal integrity that are truly exceptional."

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Dear Jean— Could you write a lion- bounty letter to Branson? (and, if possible with copies to the other Supervisors) Yes, I'm at it once again— I hope the LAST TIME) — Affectionately Margaret.

MARGARET WENTWORTH OWINGS - BIG SUR, CALIFORNIA

Dear Jean:

Remembering - This evening - our day down on the rocks - I feel a warmth in my heart thinking of you and the bits of wisdom you unfolded. I value our little talk and want to thank you for it.

With love,

Margaret.

Monday evening.

Joan dear.
May you find many
beautiful moments in
the year ahead –
to soothe distressed
thoughts at the turmoil
of the world today.
Much love,
Margaret

BIG SUR

Greetings—and a gift from Nature
This infinite moment,
Awesome and soothing.
A Rainbow glows through moist skies,
Arches over Lucia slopes
Down to the dark sea
Below my Cliffside home.

I share this gift with you,
to capture the Magic
of this moment!

Margaret

(Photograph by Marianne Caldwell)

Margaret Wentworth Owings
Big Sur
California

Dear Jean,

It was an intensly beautiful show of your work - profound and deep and confident.

Somehow it seemed to express all of your life.

Thank you—

Margaret Nat.

* Hugh asked me to mail this check to you.